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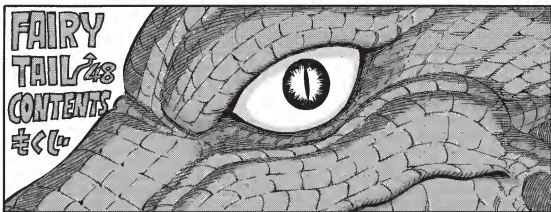
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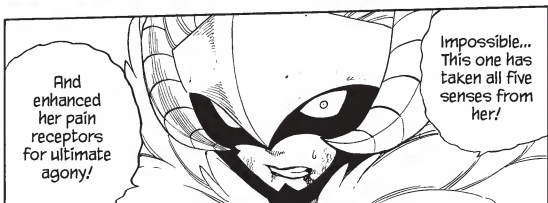
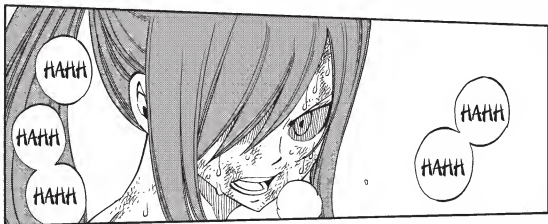
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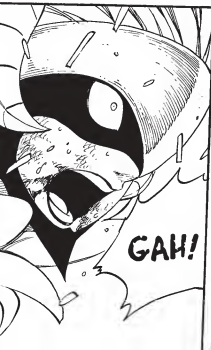
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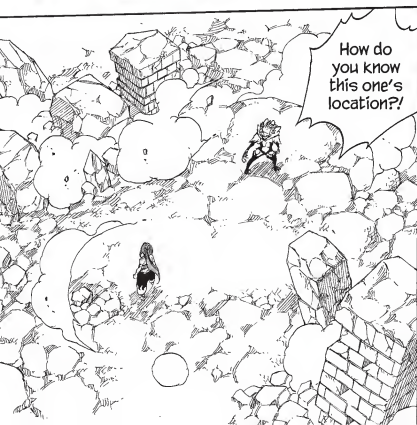
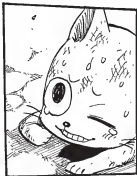
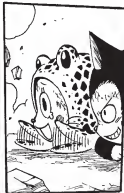
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Chapter 404: 00:00







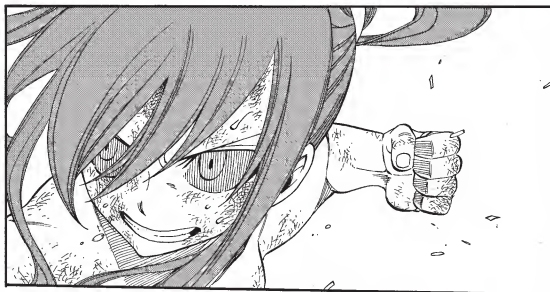


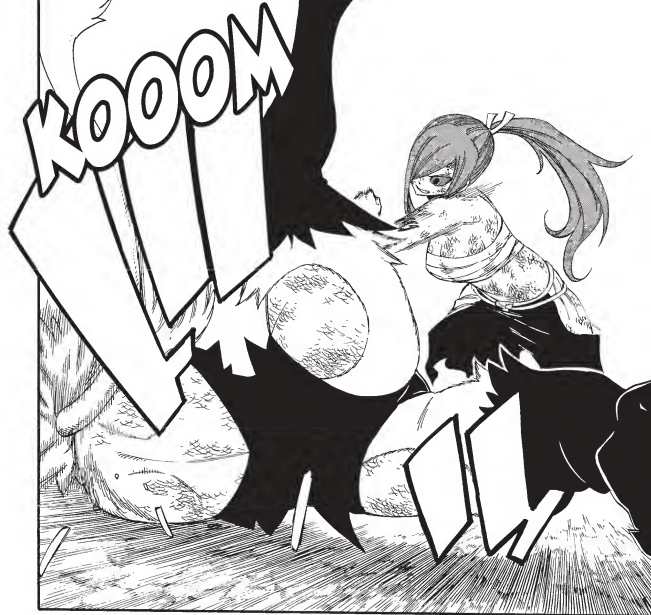
How do
you know
this one's
location?!



You should
not be able
to see this
one!!

Nor hear
this one's
voice!







**Filthy
human!
You will
paaay
!!!!**

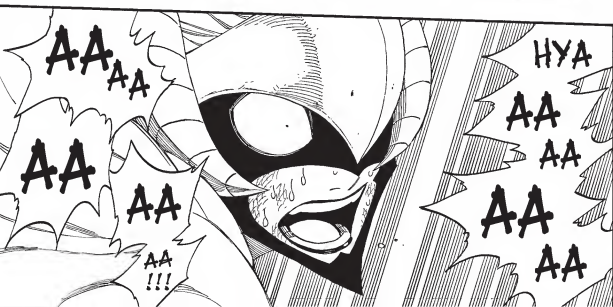


She
can't hear
you, you
know!

Erza!!
Time's
running
out...



The
time...!!!!



AA AA

AA

AA

**AA
!!!**

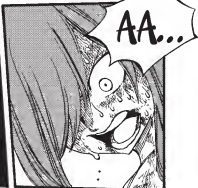
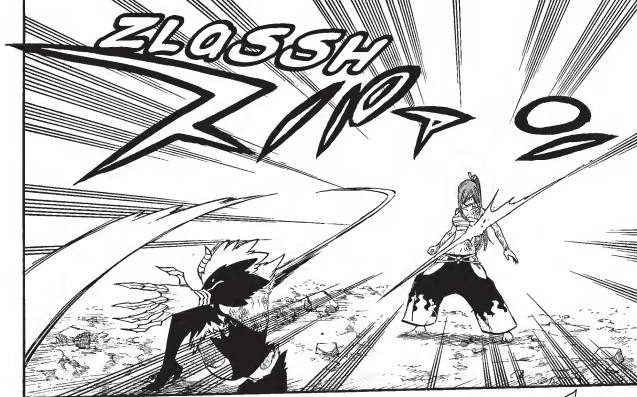
HYA

AA

AA

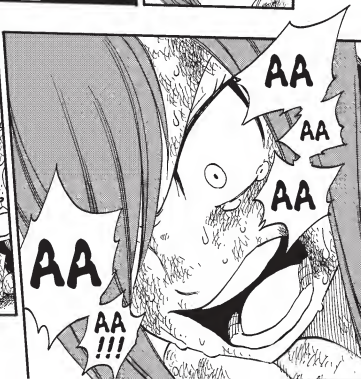
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AA



You think you stand
a chance against
a demon from the
Book of Zeref, puny
human?!!!

Erza
!!





And her strength is multiplying by the second...



The demon is also strengthening her own attacks!



This is bad... It isn't just that Erza's sensitivity to pain has been heightened...



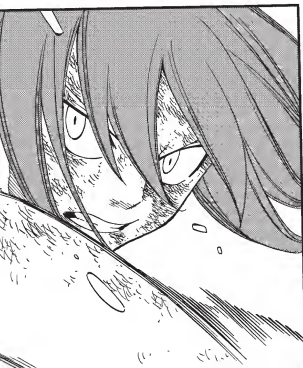




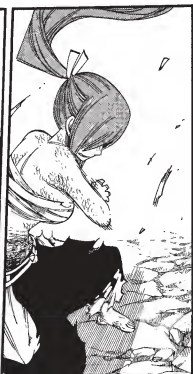
Does...



...she feel
no pain?!!

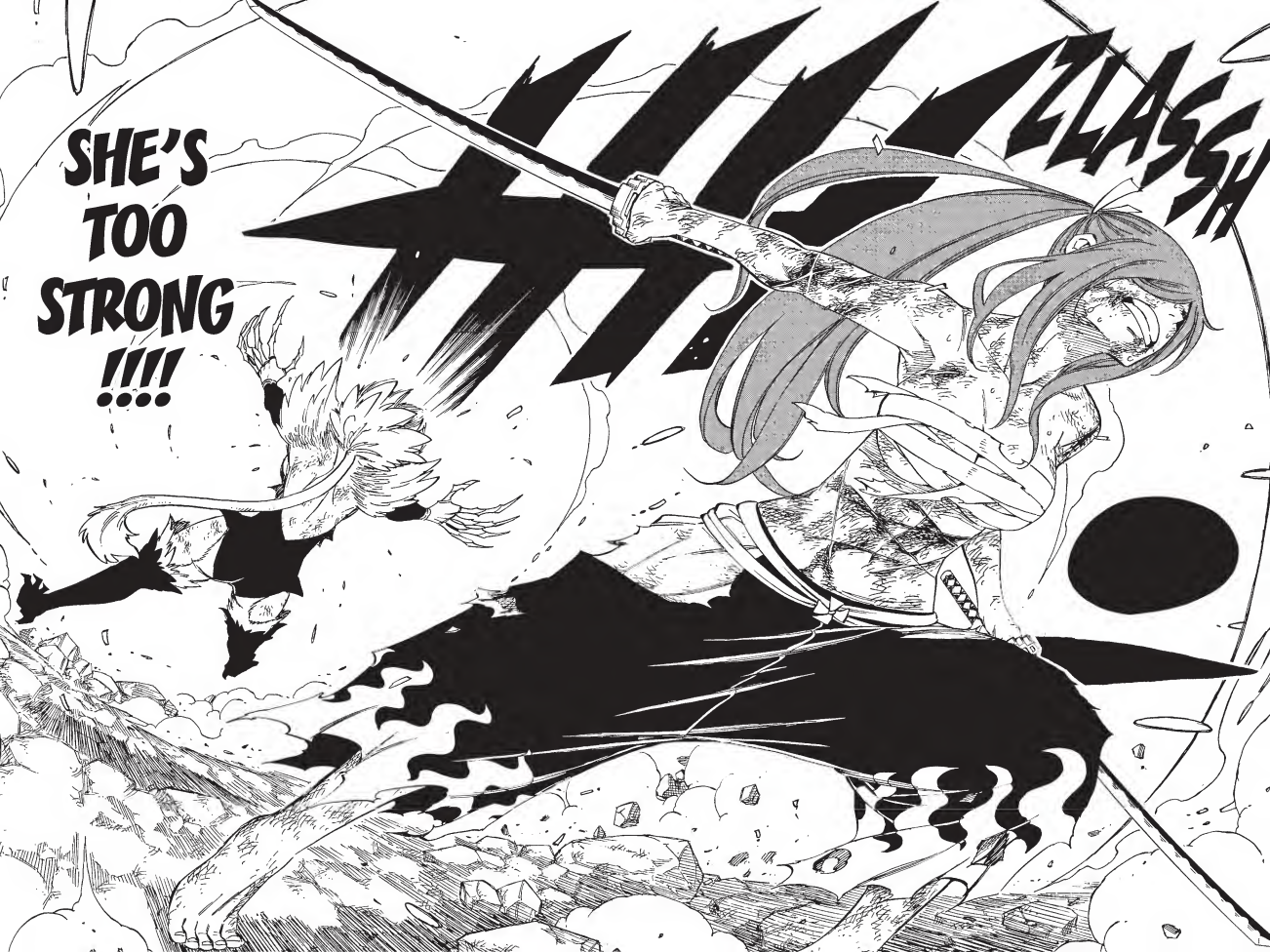


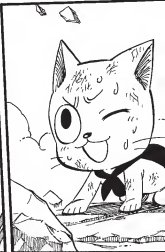
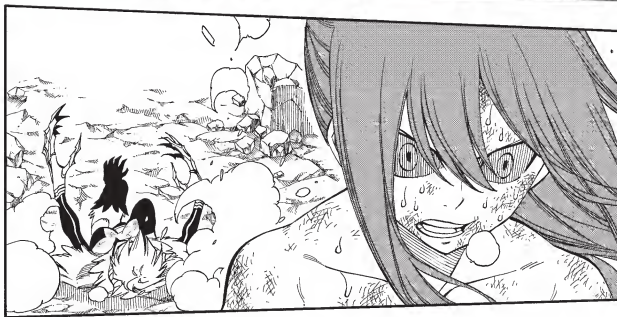
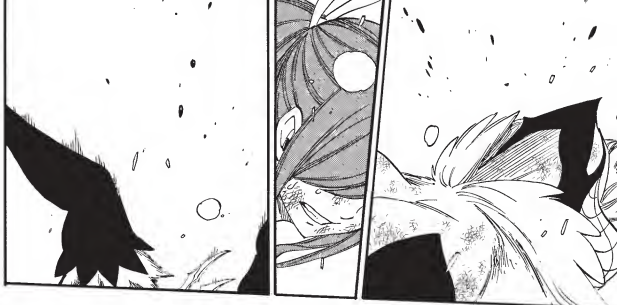
Has she
no fear?!!

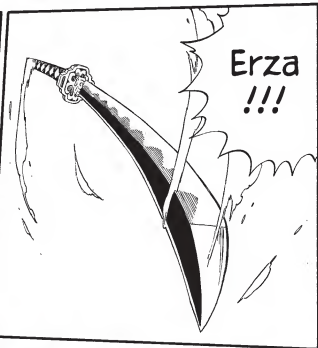
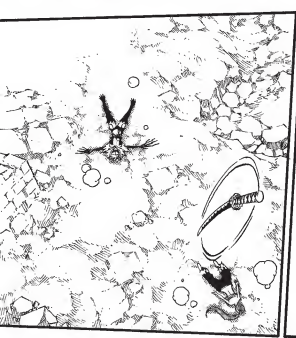


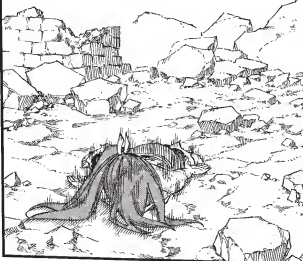
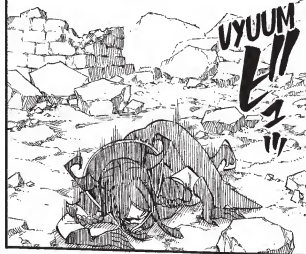
**SHE'S
TOO
STRONG
!!!!**

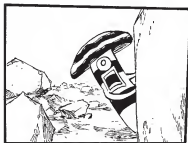
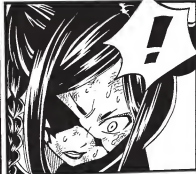
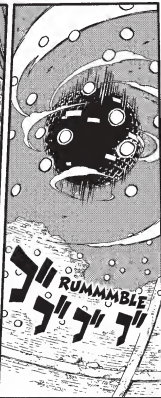
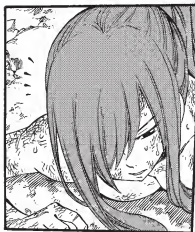
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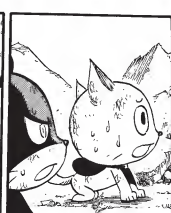
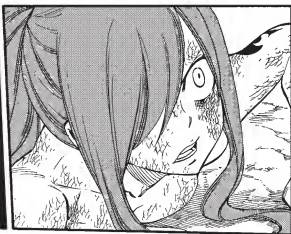


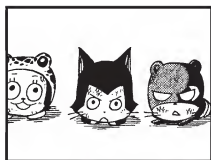












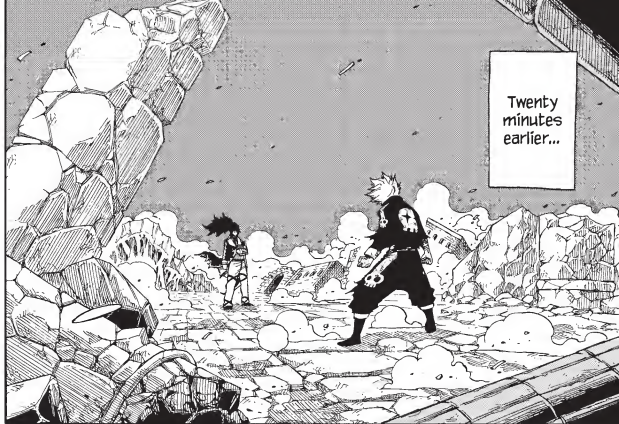
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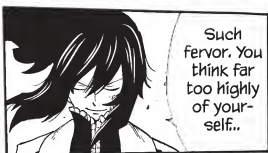
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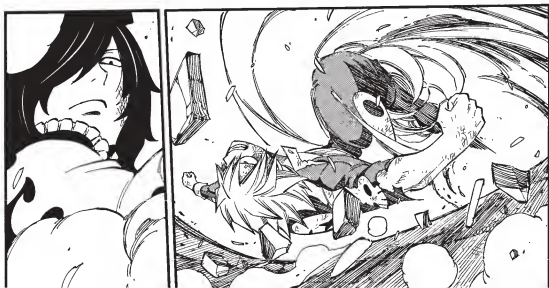
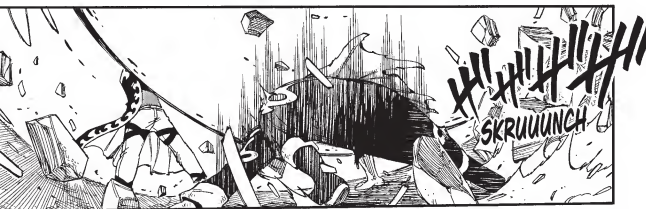




A black and white manga-style illustration. In the upper left, a dragon's head is shown in profile, facing right, with its mouth open showing sharp teeth. Below the dragon, a character with spiky hair and a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression is depicted. The character is wearing a simple garment. The background is filled with large, stylized, overlapping white shapes on a black background, resembling jagged flames or energy bursts. In the upper right corner, there is a speech bubble containing the text "Let's do this, Igneel !!!!".

Let's
do this,
Igneel
!!!!



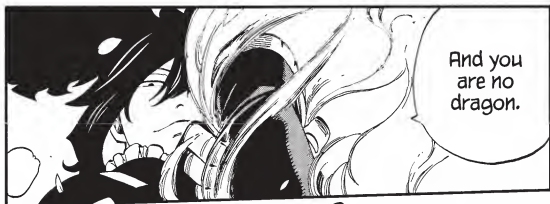


**KARYŪ
NO
KAGIZUME*
!!!!**

GWOOOH

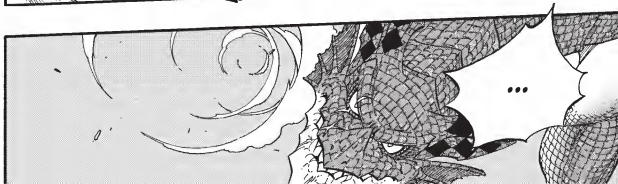
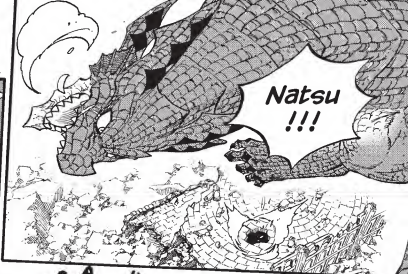
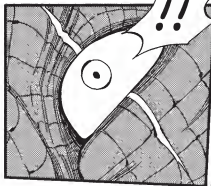
*Fire Dragon's Talons

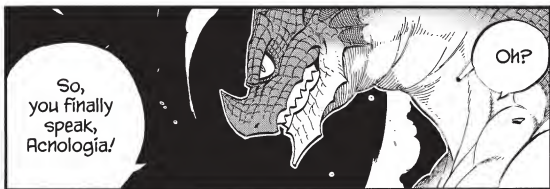


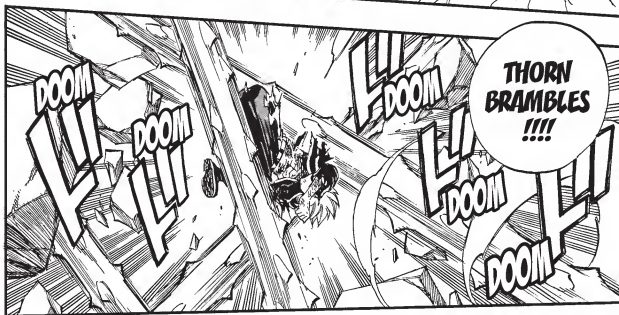


And you
are no
dragon.













*Aw,
forget it!*

Whatever.
There's no time
for chit-chat
anyway.

Our
prin-
cess...

I knew you
were here,
but why?



Natsu-san,
let's team
up.

The
three of us
together
could
probably
take him.



By the
way, where're
Lecter and
Frosch?

With
Erza.

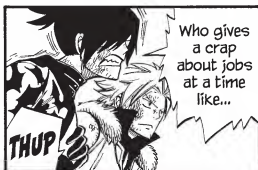


**WHAT
?!**

But no
can do.



That's a
really good
idea.











Two
dragons in
the sky.

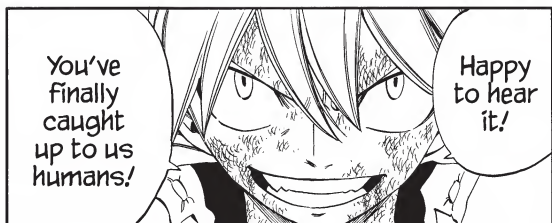
And three
dragons'
sons before
my eyes.

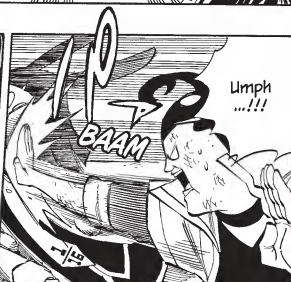
Perhaps
there are yet
more of you
as well.

You swoop and
scuttle about my
castle with no
regard...

KLENGH







Chapter 406: The Girl in the Crystal





Thank goodness some markers are left!

It's this way... I think.

I'm Gajeel-sama!

Gray-sama...

Gajeel, Levy-chan and Juvia...

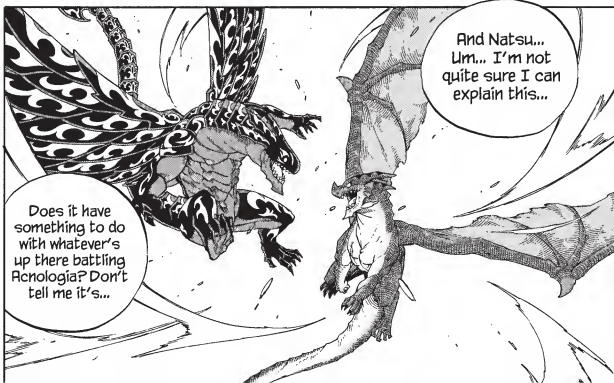
...are trying to get to Portlyusica with the stuff that will help Laxus and the others.



Gray seems to have gotten his hands on some incredible power.

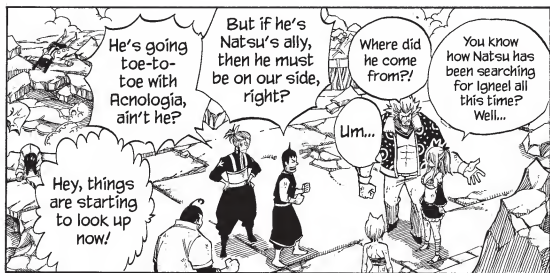
Hm?

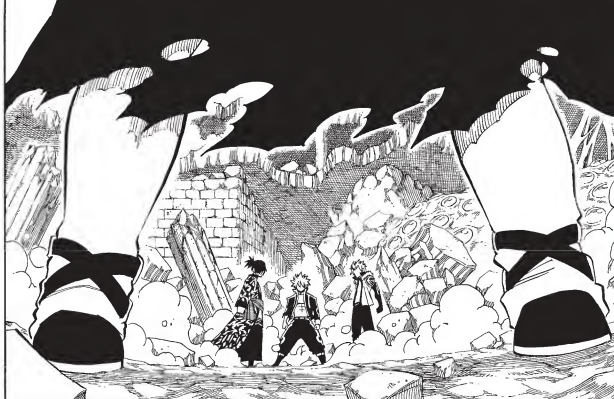
What's this doing here?



Does it have something to do with whatever's up there battling Acnologia? Don't tell me it's...

And Natsu... Um... I'm not quite sure I can explain this...

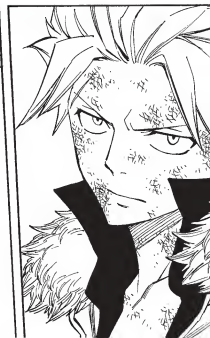




Therefore,
I have
suppressed
mine for quite
some time.
Until now, it
seems.



Emotion
impedes
the thought
process.

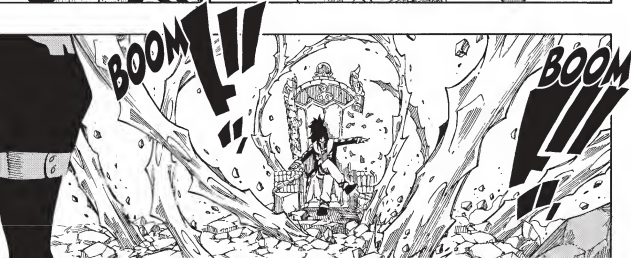




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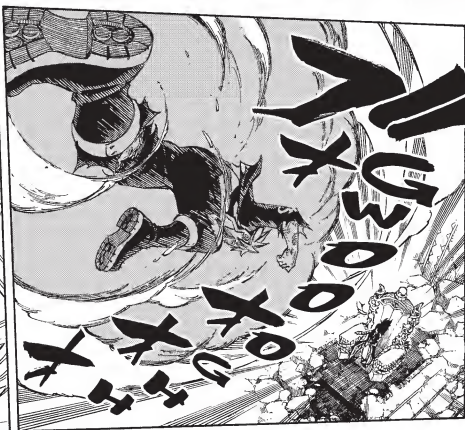
I will once
again banish
this emotion
from my
mind...

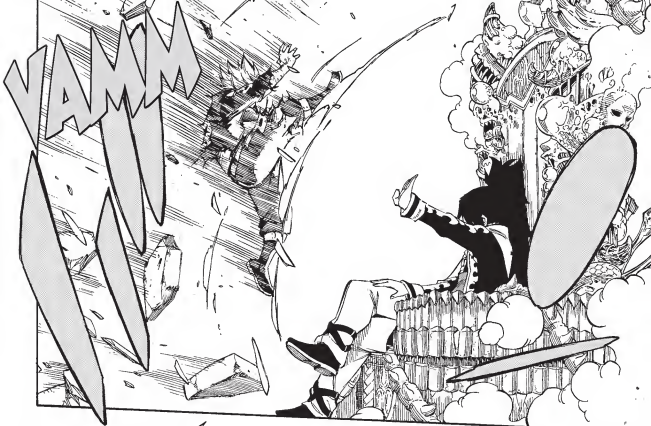
...as I
eradicate
your
existence!





DOGAN **GAM GAM GAM GAM**







*Fire Dragon's



*Sword Edge



**Roar

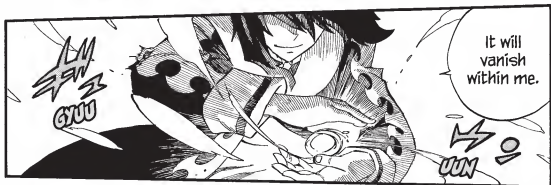
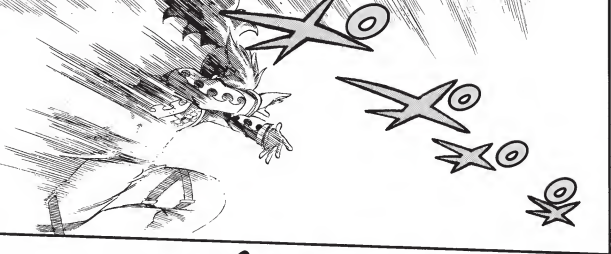






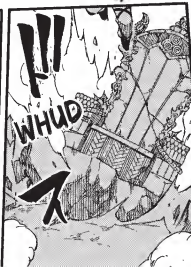
*Divine-Shadow Dragon, Light Fang





**RAIEN-
RYŪ NO
GEKI-
TETSU*
!!!!**

GWOON









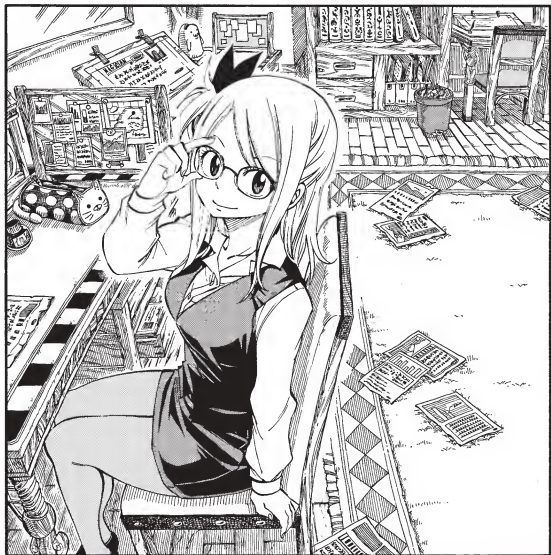
**Fairy Tail's
ultimate
weapon...**

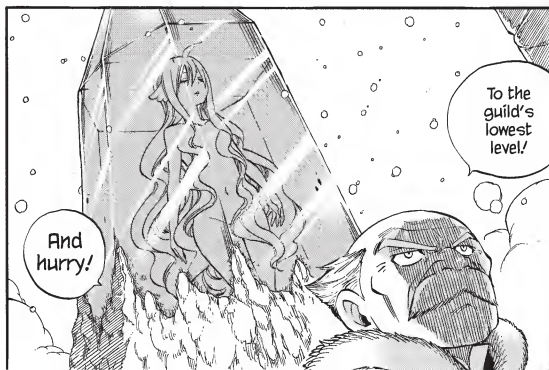
**...LUMEN
HISTOIRE!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 407: To Destroy My Very Body







Even
so, I...

FINE. DO WHAT
FEELS RIGHT
TO YOU.



Nobody
blames *you*
for the guild's
destruction.



Why?

Elf...

I'll stay
behind.



I'll
need your
ability.

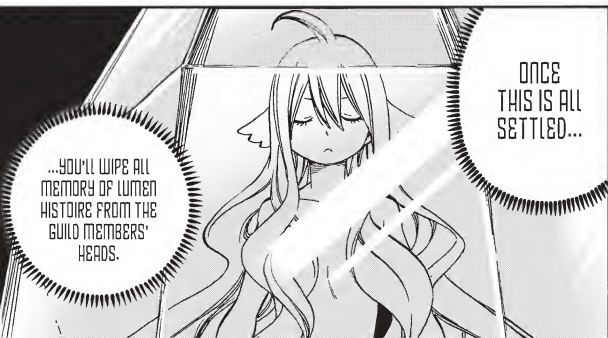


I'M NOT A MEMBER
OF YOUR GUILD.



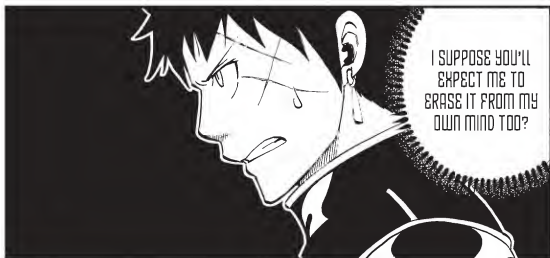
YOU
COME
TOO.

A
private
message
?



...YOU'LL WIPE ALL
MEMORY OF LUMEN
HISTOIRE FROM THE
GUILD MEMBERS'
HEADS.

ONCE
THIS IS ALL
SETTLED...

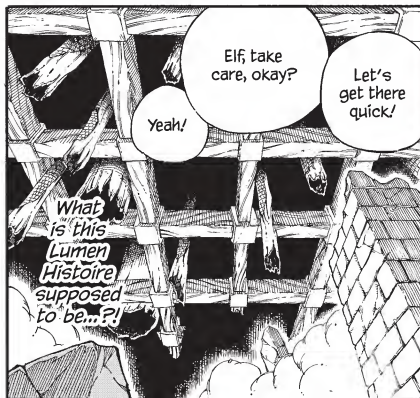


I SUPPOSE YOU'LL
EXPECT ME TO
ERASE IT FROM MY
OWN MIND TOO?



YOU WILL
HAVE TO.

THAT'S
RIGHT!



Elf, take
care, okay?

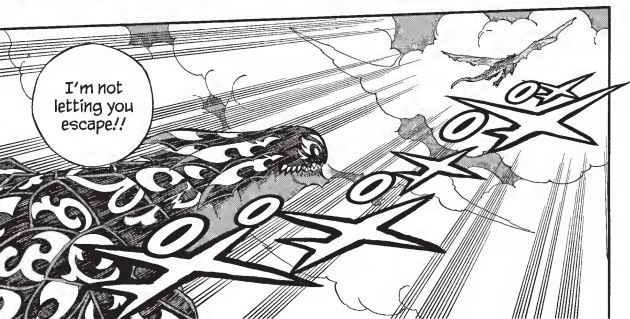
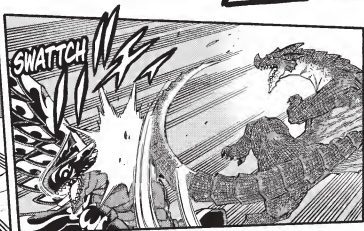
Let's
get there
quick!

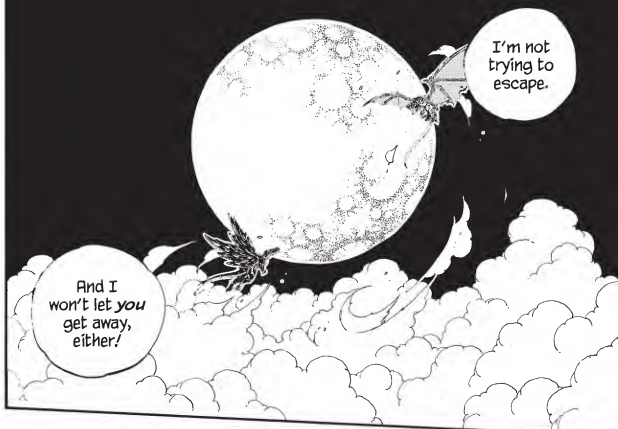
Yeah!

What
is this
Lumen
Histoire
supposed
to be...?!



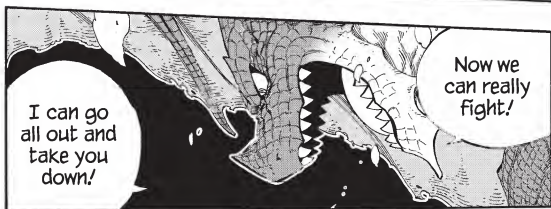
...





And I
won't let *you*
get away,
either!

I'm not
trying to
escape.



I can go
all out and
take you
down!

Now we
can really
fight!



I will
simply
destroy
you!

Fight?

Hardly...





Because fate wills it!!



Why would you go that far?!!



All demons written in the Book of Zeref share a destiny... to return to Zeref!!



However... She does appear to be carrying out her assigned task.

For pity's sake... She is so caught up in battle, she has forgotten even Mard Geer's voice.

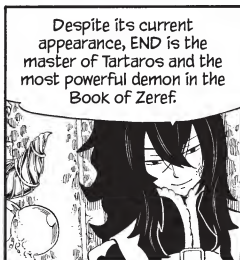


With the magic gone, the seal on END will vanish as well.

Oh?
Did I never say?



Why do you want to get rid of all the magic on the continent, anyway?



Despite its current appearance, END is the master of Tartaros and the most powerful demon in the Book of Zeref.



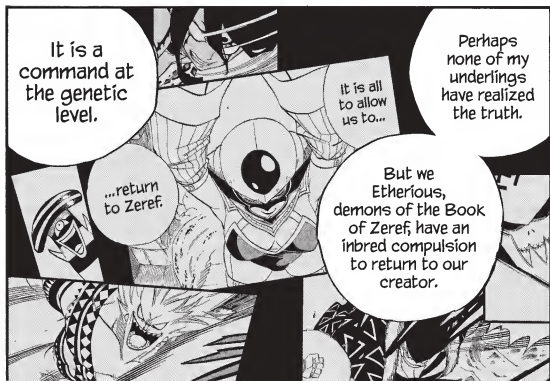
That book?

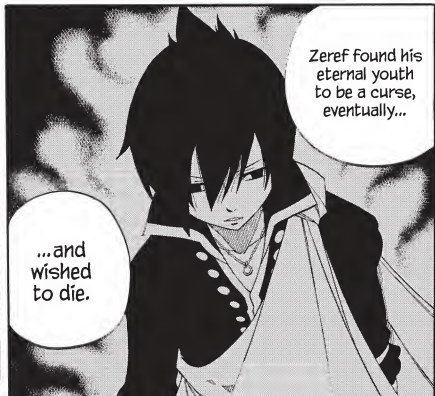
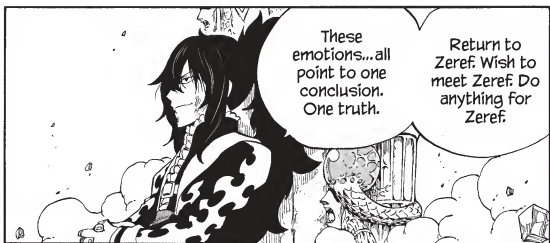


I don't get it. Why not just go now? What do you need some other demon for?



Once END has been revived, we will return to Zeref.



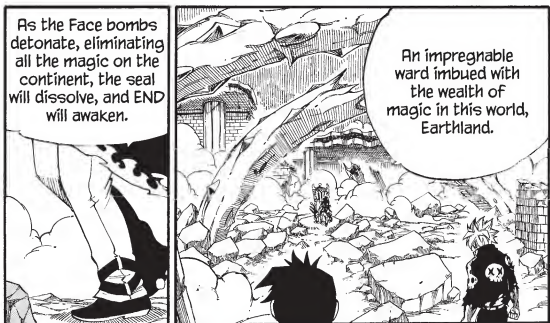




The demons
of the Book of
Zeref...

... were
created to
be...

... instruments
of Zeref's
suicide!





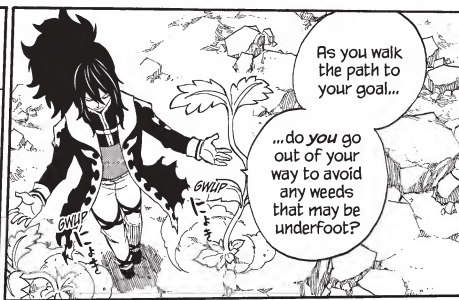
Why'd you have to drag us humans into your weird plans?



So this is all to take out Zeref?

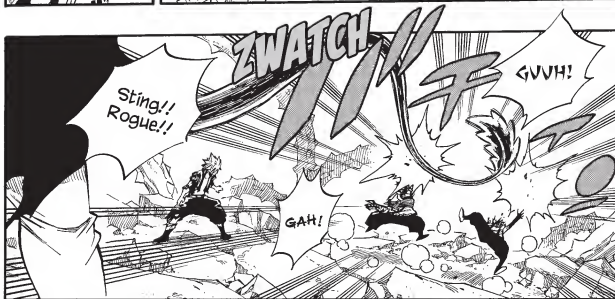


You creep...



As you walk the path to your goal...

...do *you* go out of your way to avoid any weeds that may be underfoot?

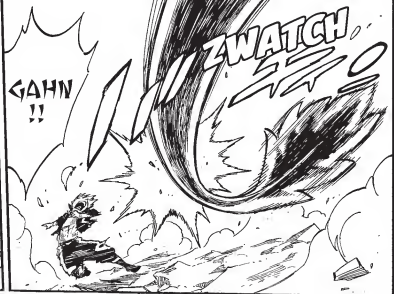


ZWATCH

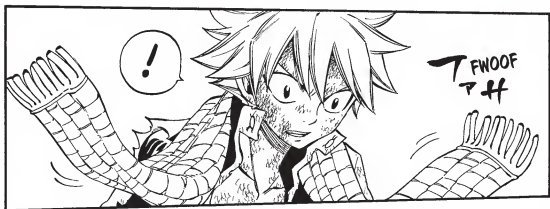
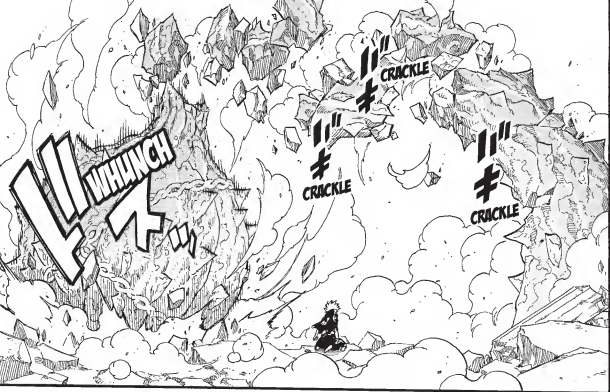
Sting!!
Rogue!!

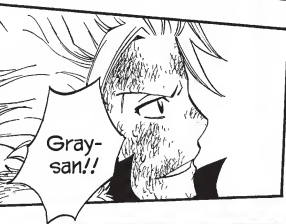
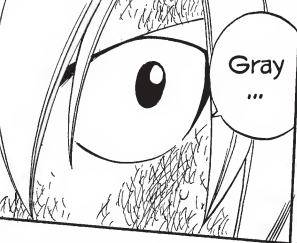
GUUH!

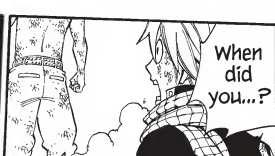
GAH!









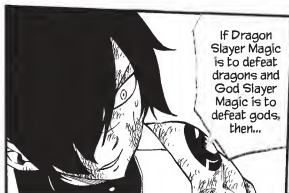
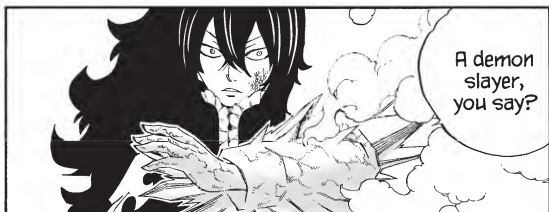


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 408: The Definitive Demon







HII
HII, DMP



It's the
magic to
take down
demons!



GAKI



He wanted
to destroy
all of
you!!!!

GAH
!!

BAKIIIIIN

AGHH
!!

GUH
!!

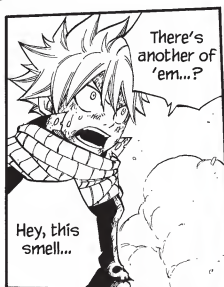
HAK
!!



*Ice Demon Zero's Long Sword

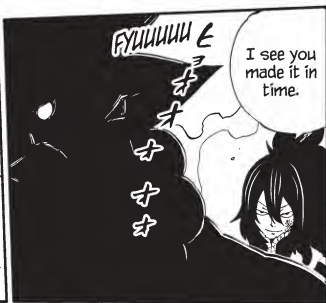






There's
another of
'em...?

Hey, this
smell...



You once
stood at the
top of the
human guilds.

So it's only
natural that
you would
be reborn
into a useful
demon.



It is...



No...

RUMMM

Zienna!

NBBLE





This guy was the
master from
Saber?!



Uh...

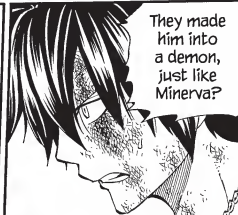


Master
...

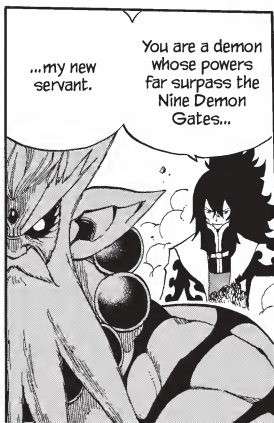


Made me?
No.

I came
to *them*
looking
for more
power!!



They made
him into
a demon,
just like
Minerva?

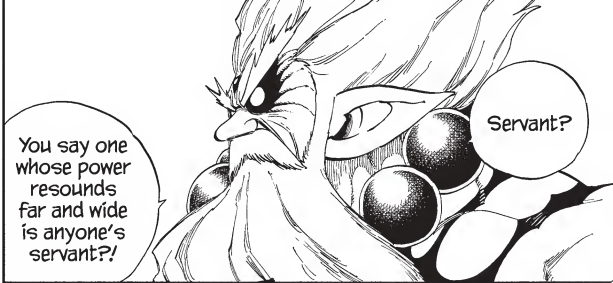


...my new
servant.

You are a demon
whose powers
far surpass the
Nine Demon
Gates...



All I do
has one
purpose...
to become
the
strongest!!



You say one
whose power
resounds
far and wide
is anyone's
servant?!

Servant?

DMP

**Under-
world
King!!!!**

**Once I have
buried these
brats, it will
be your turn
next!!!!**



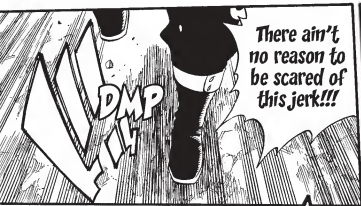
**Don't
get
scared
!!!!**



Uhh
...



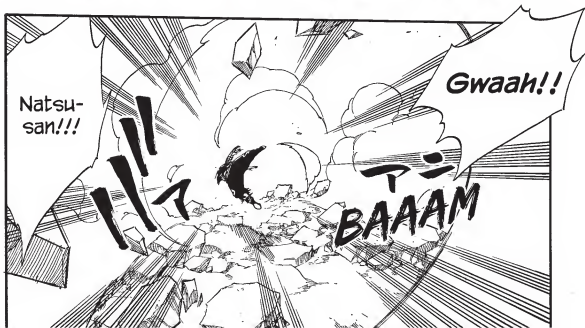
Urk...



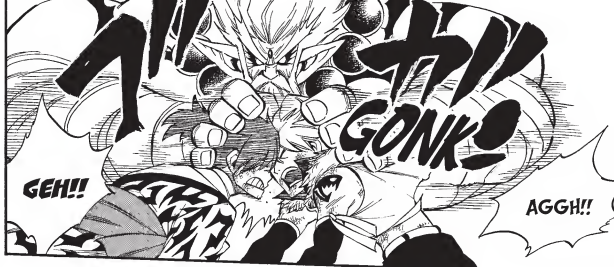
**There ain't
no reason to
be scared of
this jerk!!!**

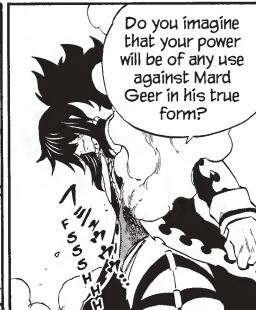


**Charge
!!!!**











Natsu...

Yeah...
I know.

**I am the
Underworld
King, and
the definitive
demon!!**

**My name is
Mard Geer
Tartaros!!!**

DOOOOOM



**In the name
of Fairy Tail,
we are going
to take you
down!!!**



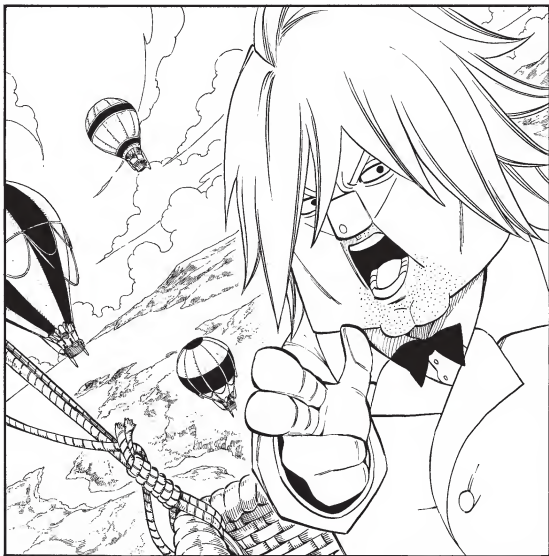
**This will be
your final
battle!!**

**Do your
worst,
humans!**

FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 409: Thread of White and Black





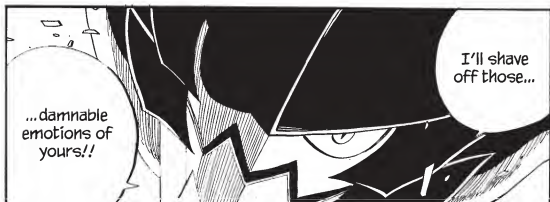


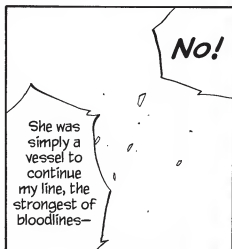
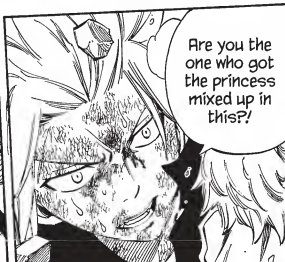
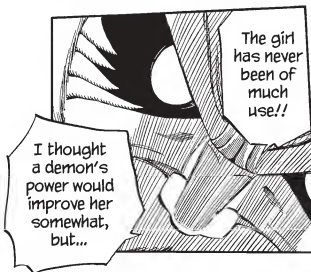
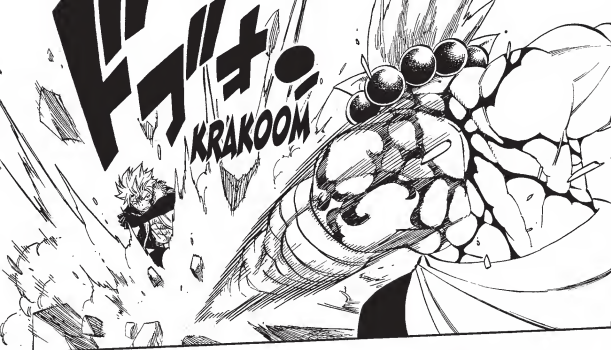
Burn
!!!!



Freeze
!!!!







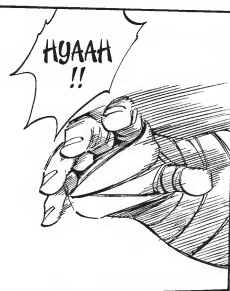
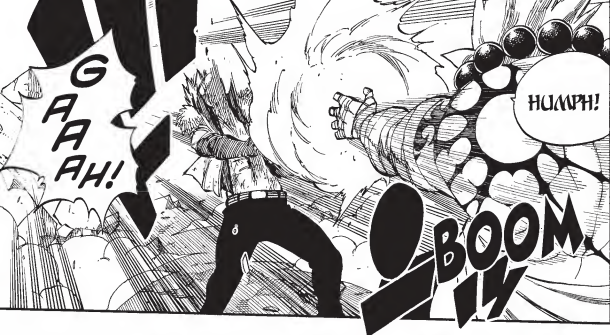
GOOOOM

*Shut
your
mouth
!!!!*



That
won't
work on
me.





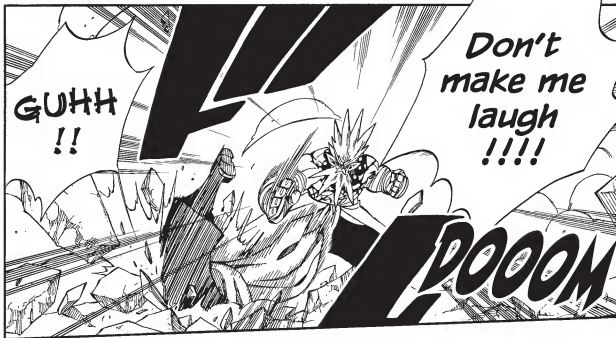


All we did is
return it to
what a guild
ought to be...



Argh
...

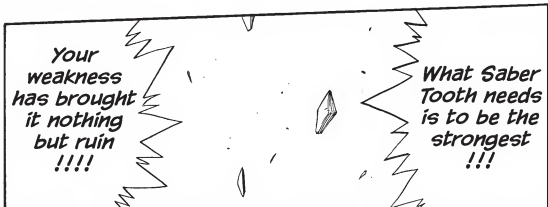
You little wimps
think you can
take control of
Saber Tooth?!



**GUHH
!!**

**Don't
make me
laugh
!!!!**

POOOM

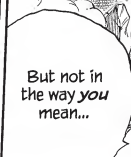


**Your
weakness
has brought
it nothing
but ruin
!!!!**

**What Saber
Tooth needs
is to be the
strongest
!!!**



Saber Tooth was
weak 'cause nobody
had anybody's back!
We wanna be in a
guild where everyone
matters to each
other!!



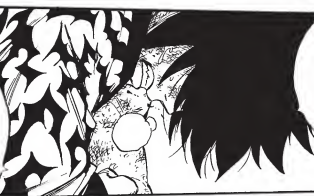
But not in
the way *you*
mean...



Yeah...
We *were*
weak...



So we
started
over from
scratch!!



A strong
guild in it's
true sense!



...have
got to
go!!!



And
that's
why you...



Ah ha ha ha
ha ha!! A
truly strong
guild?!

Allow me to
enlighten
you... there
is no such
thing!!!

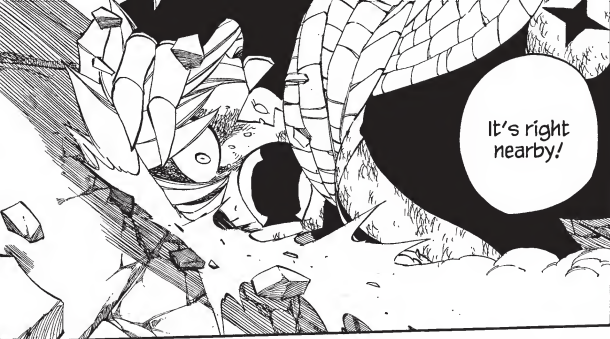
Strength only
comes to the
individual!!!!
And only with
an iron will
like mine!!!!

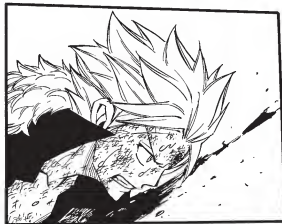


No...

There *is*
a guild
that's
truly
strong!!!



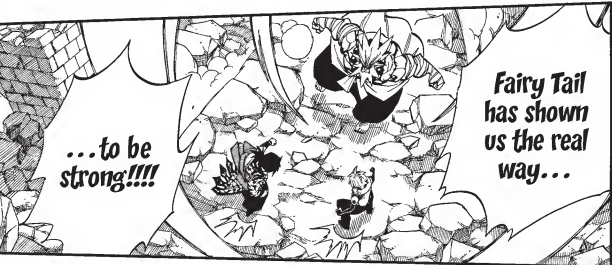






**Love brings
meaning to
our lives!!!!**

**I don't
care!!!
We're living
for the
sake of our
friends!!**



**...to be
strong!!!!**

**Fairy Tail
has shown
us the real
way...**



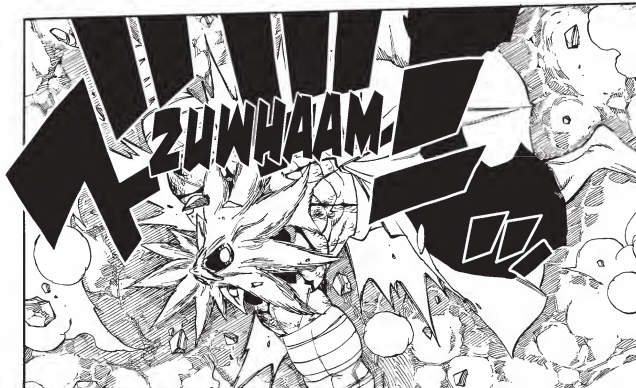
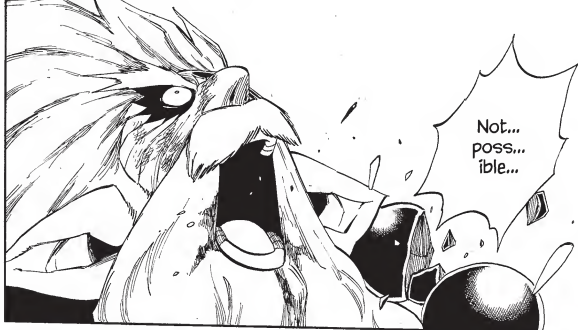
**We're going
to sew up that
warped wound
in your soul...**

**...with
thread of
white and
black!!!!**



**Siiiiii-
leence
!!!!**





**Right
!!!!**

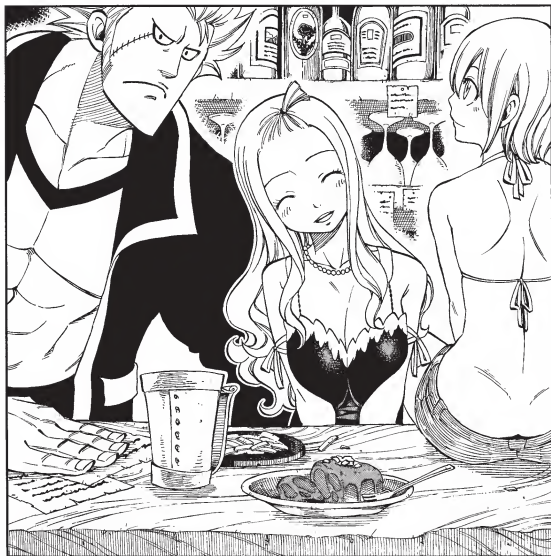


BOOOOM

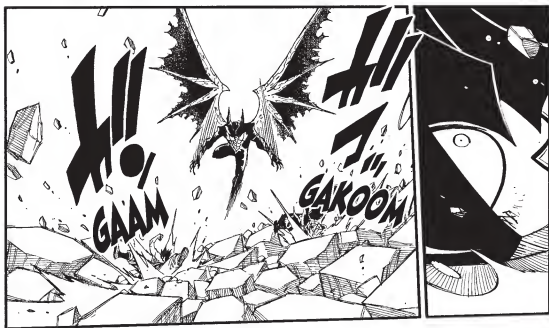
FAIRY TAIL

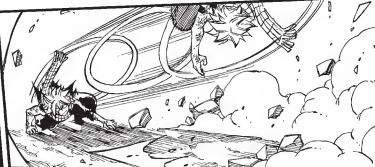
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 410: Memento Mori









*Fire Dragon's Roar

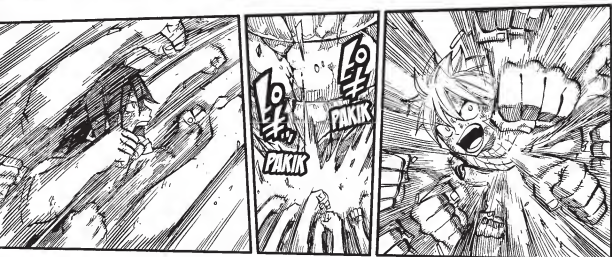


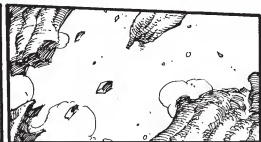


*Ice Demon's Wrath











Humph!

WHOOSH



BACHIK



Inside the ice?!

Brr!



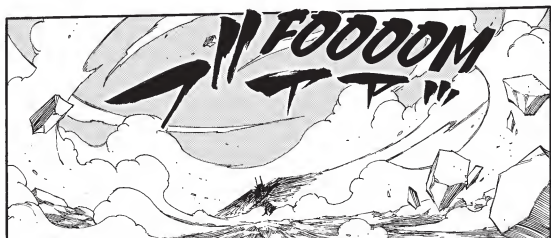
GUNGNIR
!!!!

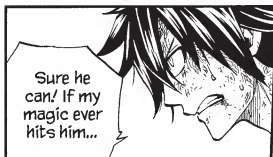
B
A
C
H
I
K
I
K
K



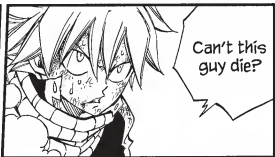
**KARYŪ
NO
KÔEN
!!!!**

BOOOM





Sure he
can! If my
magic ever
hits him...



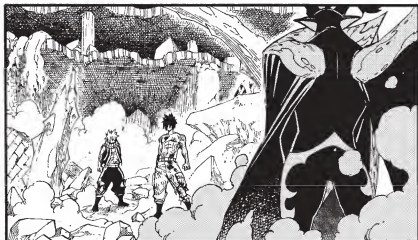
Can't this
guy die?



...human
wizards!

I have
enjoyed
this...

Long ago, all
magic was
one. That was
the birth of
magic.



**Curse
power!!**



In the course of
that history, END
uncovered a new
possibility for
magic.

WHOOSH!

Eventually,
it split into
different
kinds and
classes.



Curse power
was founded
upon the very
essence of
life!!



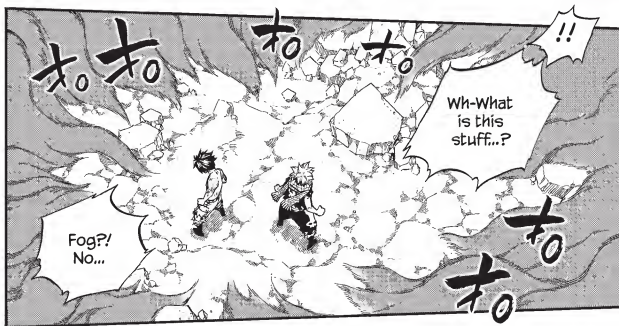
It drew
its strength
from negative
emotions...

Resentment...
Jealousy...
Hatred...
Vengeance!



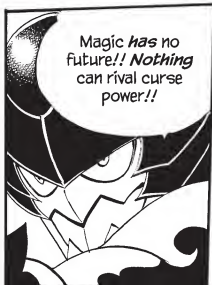
But even if
you're right,
it's *magic*
that'll take
us into the
future!!!

That's
just
stupid
!!!!



Fog?!
No...

Wh-What
is this
stuff...?



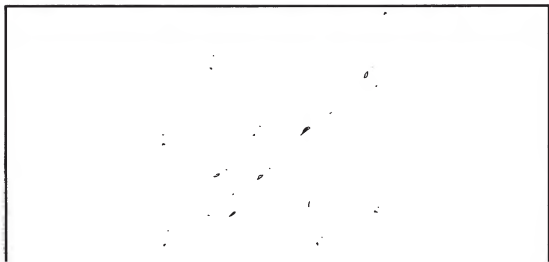
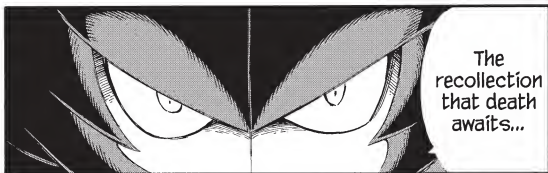
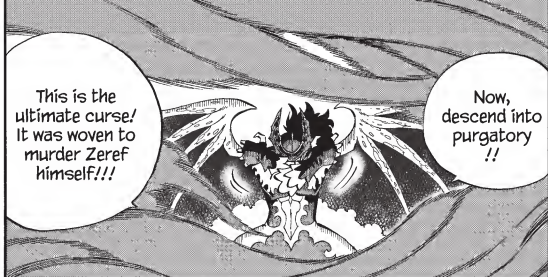
Magic *has* no
future!! *Nothing*
can rival curse
power!!

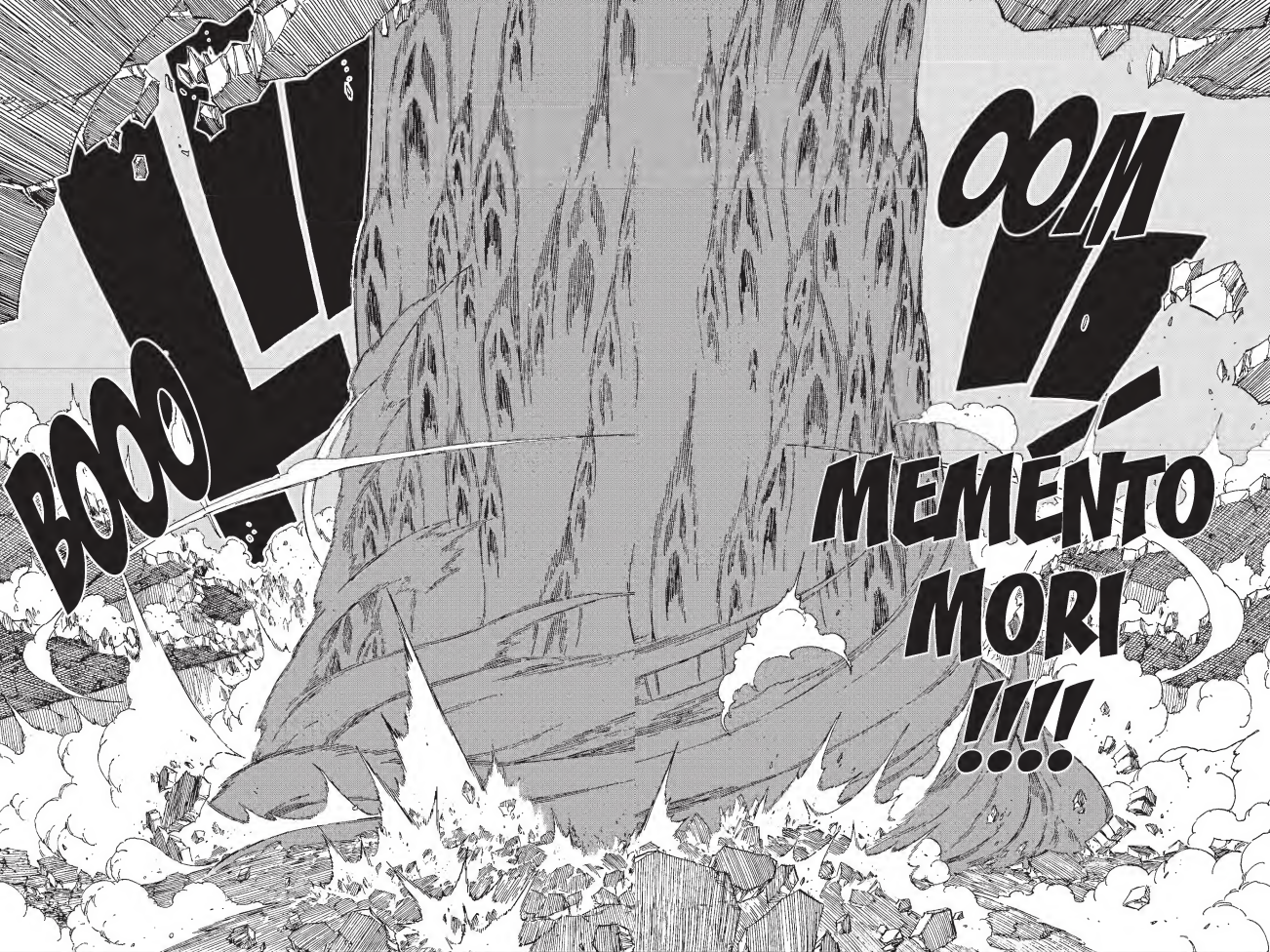


Can't
move...



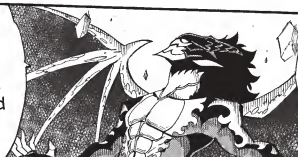
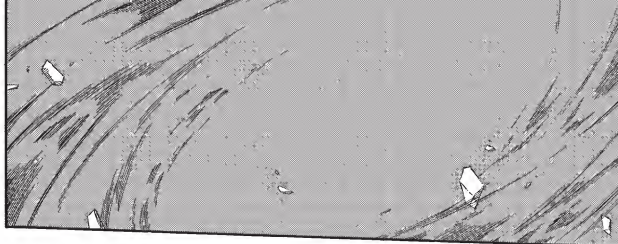
My
body...





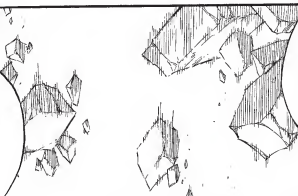
BOOO

COM
MEMÉTO
MORI
!!!!



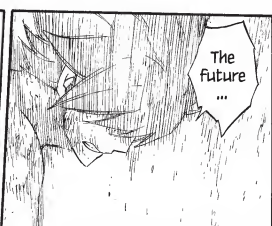
...one must eliminate the very concepts of both life and death!!!

To murder the immortal Zeref...



They cease to exist entirely
!!!!

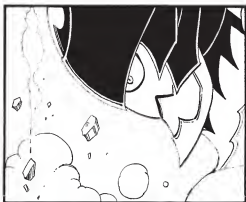
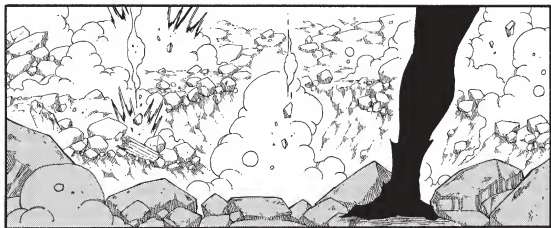
Those who fall under this curse are neither alive nor dead!!!





You will be
obliterated
into
nothing
...

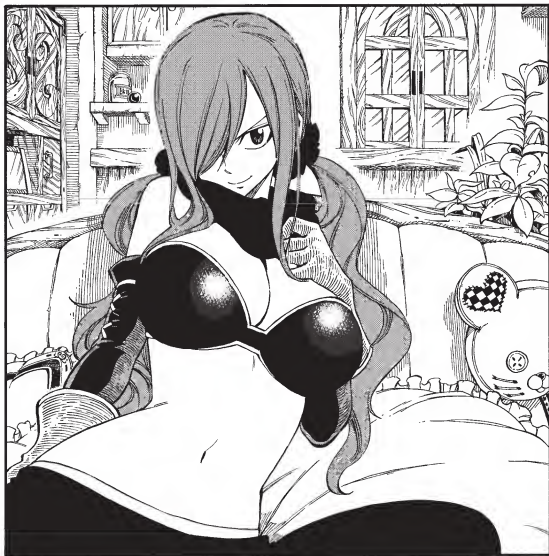




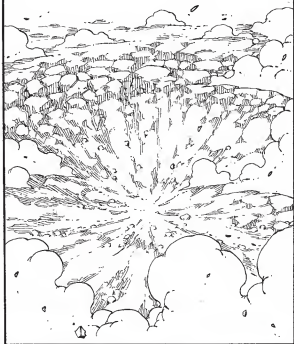
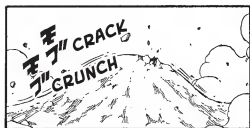
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

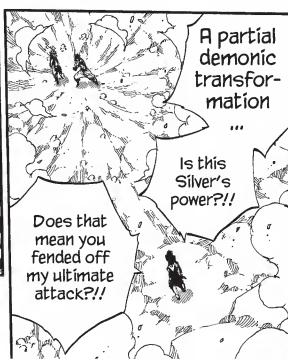
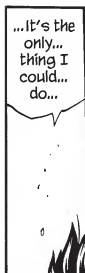
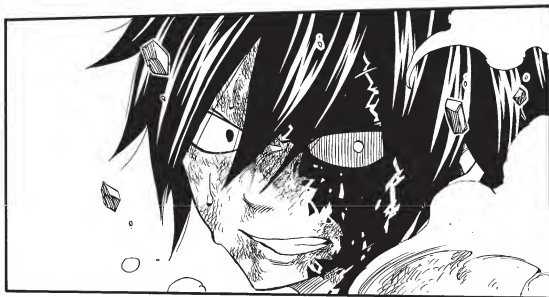
Chapter 411: To Respond in Kind







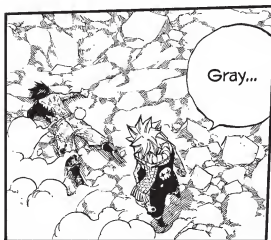






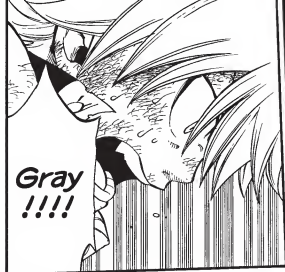
I... put my
trust in you,
Natsu... It's...
up to you...
now...

FW
H
",
WHUD

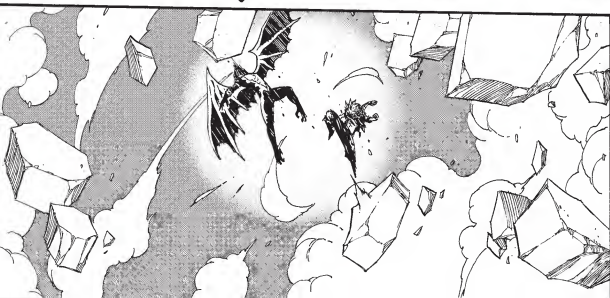
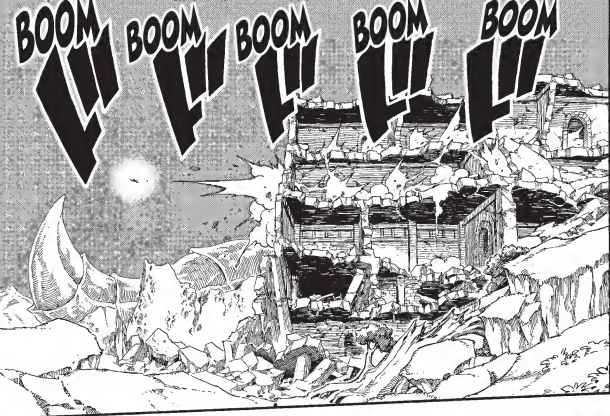


Gray...







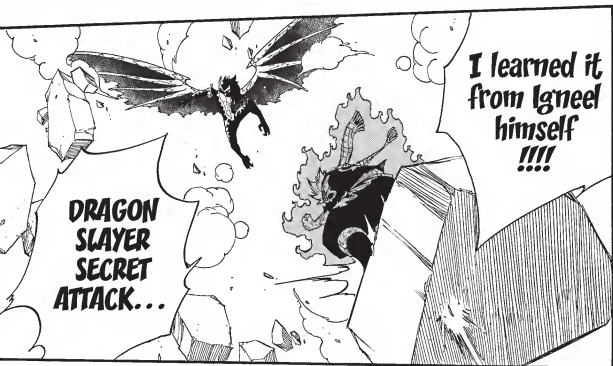




DWLOOM



**This is
Dragon
Force
?!!!**



**I learned it
from Igneel
himself
!!!!**

**DRAGON
SLAYER
SECRET
ATTACK...**



**SHIRANUI-
GATA
!!!!**



GA

AA

AA

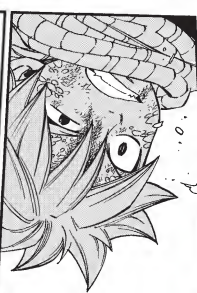
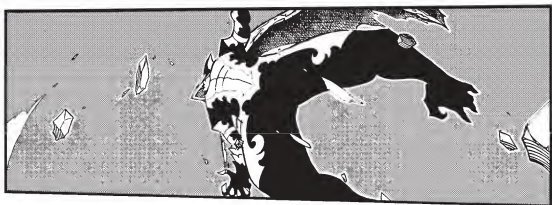
AA

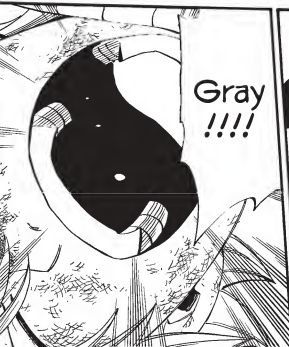
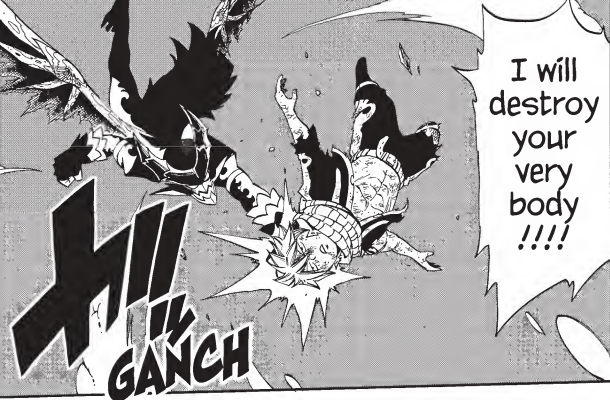
AA

AA!!

GUREN
Hôô
KÊN*
!!!!

BWOGHOOM



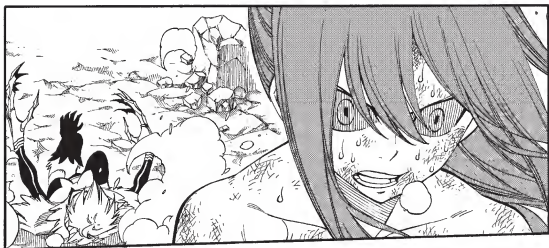


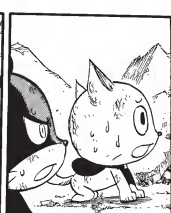
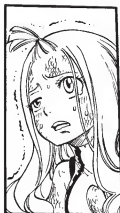
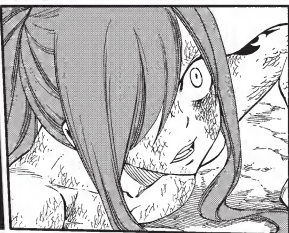
BOOM

**HYÔMA
ZERO NO
HAKYÔ*
!!!!**

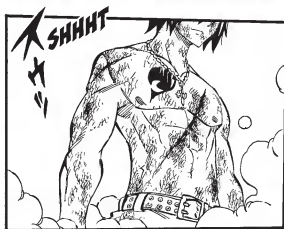
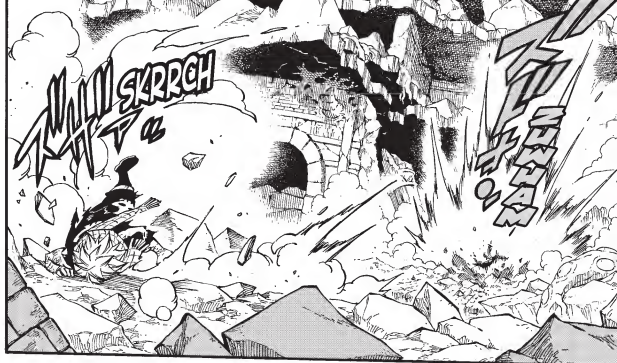






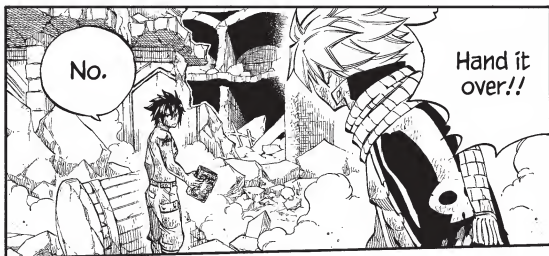


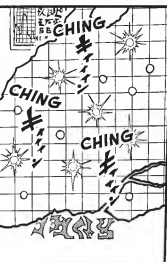
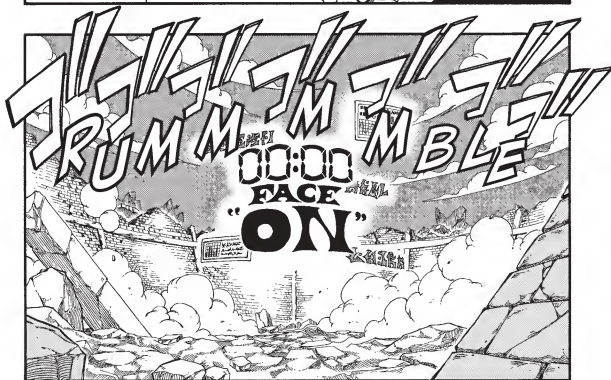


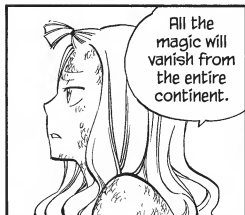


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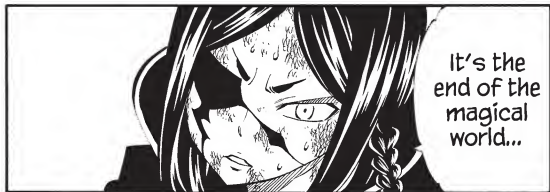


All the
magic will
vanish from
the entire
continent.

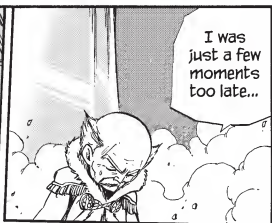
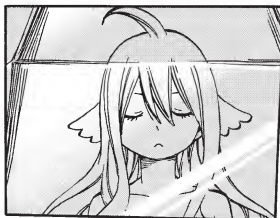


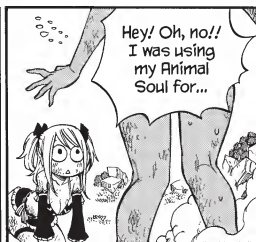
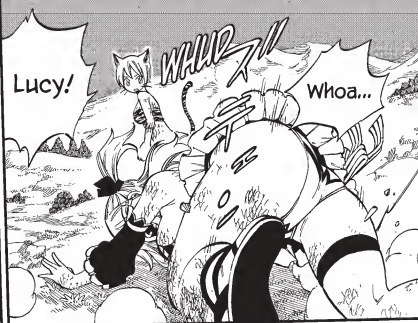
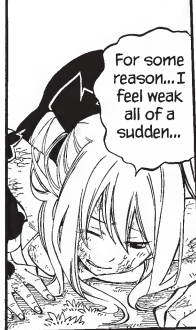
Wh-What
happens
now?

The Face
bombs are
going off
all over the
continent...



It's the
end of the
magical
world...





This
feeling...



I can't
use
magic!!

My
strength is
fading...

Does that
giant face
thing have
something to
do with it?!



The magic
train is
off the
rails!!

Let's get
out of
here!

EYAAAH!



Why can't
I use my
lacrima
anymore?!

The
town's
fire is
out!!

The elimination of magic will create *null energy* and revive END.

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RUMBLE

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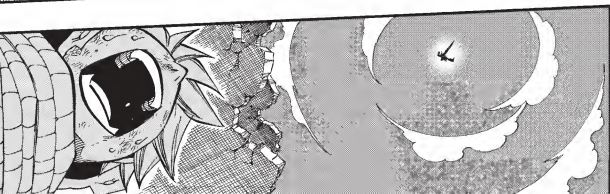
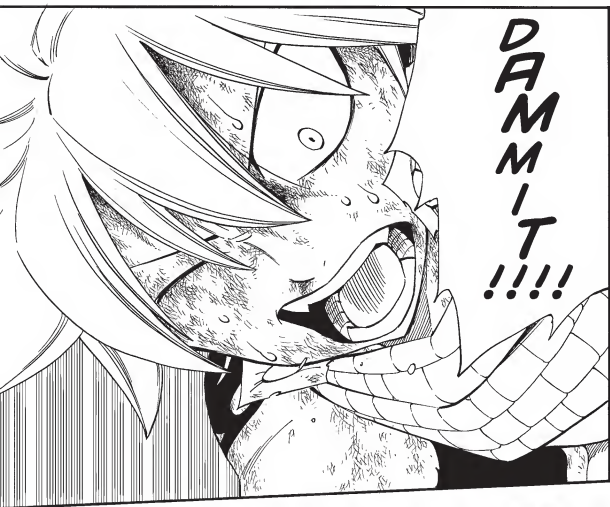
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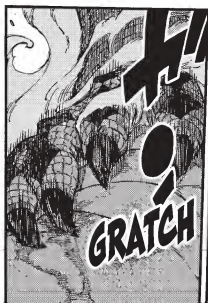
This is merely the beginning.

...when the greatest demon in the Book of Zeref reawakens.

Stripped of their magic, the humans will be powerless to resist...

RUMBLE!!

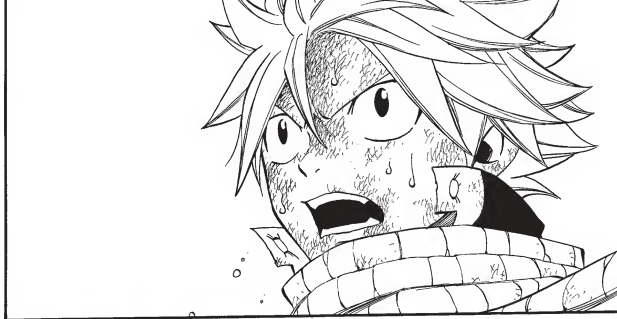


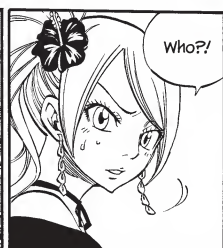
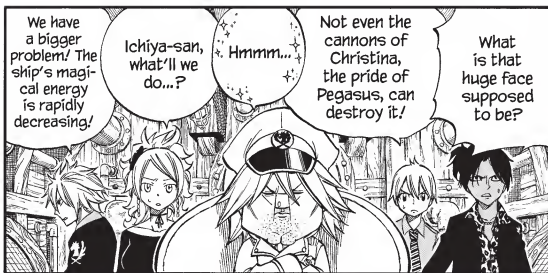


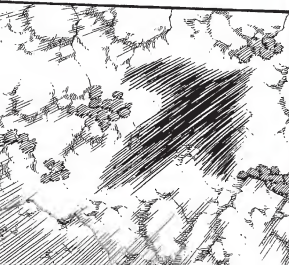
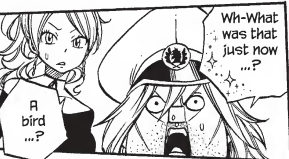


**Never
give
up!!!**

**Humans
!!!**



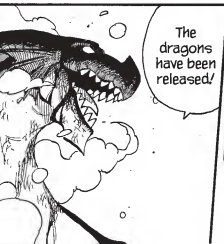
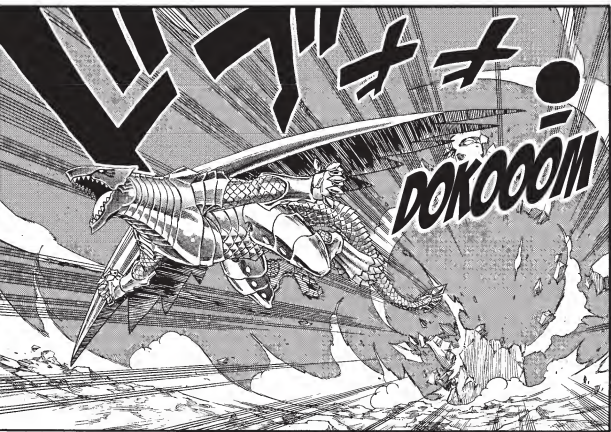
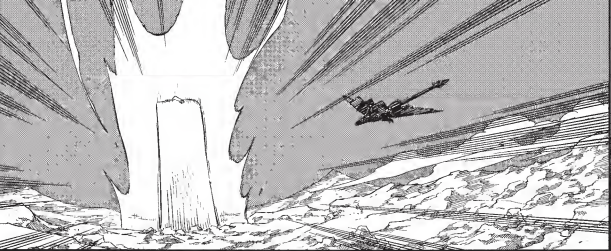






Grandeeneey
...?!





The dragons have been released!



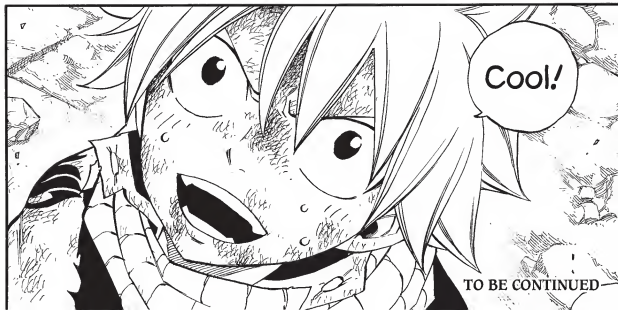
Is Skia-dram out there somewhere?



I'm sensing Weisslogia... but he should be dead!



They're
soaring
through the
skies of
Ishgal!!!!



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Afterword

When a series has gone on this long, I think the readers start to get favorites and most hated characters, lots of them! Every series, I make a decision on which characters get the best parts advancing the plot, but as I'm drawing it, I am constantly asked if I could show more of this character, or give that character a more pivotal role.

Still, I'm happy with the sentiment, and I ask you to realize that if the central characters don't get the biggest part in this story, they'll get it in the next one.

On a different topic, There are a lot of characters in this manga, and I do make an effort to make sure that when I name a character, it won't be confused with any of the other characters. But I just messed up. In Volume 43, there was a character, Elder Yuri who was killed by Tartaros, but in the other continuing series I have right now, Fairy Tail Zero, there is Makarov's father Yuri...**CONFUSION!!!!** Nobody, not the editor, staff, nor myself ever noticed! It just happened.

＼(^o^)／。

In all of our daily lives, it isn't very unusual to have at least two people you know have the same name, but in a story, avoiding that is really one of the rules. Once I noticed that I'd done it, I considered for a second whether I could make that Yuri the same character as Elder Yuri, but **SINCE THEY LOOK NOTHING ALIKE**, I realized that it was impossible, and I quickly gave up on that idea. So in the end, they're different Yuris. They just happen to have had the same name. D-Dammit...!

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Thanks for coming today!!

Thanks!

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Thank you so much for coming!

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HIRO 真島ヒロ MORIHINO

These were drawn originally for cards that were handed out at a fan event.



Hey, you came, today! Thanks!

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My appreciation for your timely arrival this day.

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I'm so happy that you made it here today! Thank you very much!

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FROM HIRO MASHIMA



For some reason, I want to stick Plue into a bottle. A long time ago, I wrote a manga with a character who wanted to stick Plue into a bottle, but the character was a mystery, and I didn't know why the character wanted Plue in the bottle. But I suddenly wanted to stick Plue into a bottle myself, so I wound up drawing this picture. It's a mystery.

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.



Page 132, Der Yggdrasil

Yggdrasil is the Tree of Life out of old Norse mythology. The tree connects many different worlds. And according to the myths, the three Norns, past, present, and future, would weave people's fates at the base of Yggdrasil. How does this relate to Mard Geer's attack? Well, Yggdrasil had roots that stretched down to water sources in other worlds. Perhaps that's where the attack name came from.

Page 122, Ashiginu

Ashiginu is generally considered to be a variety of silk thread that is coarse and thick, used for relatively less expensive silk garments. There are different varieties, such as *mino ashiginu*, which is fine, thin expensive silk thread. So although the word gives the impression of inexpensive, coarse silk, the actual definition of the word is hard to pin down.

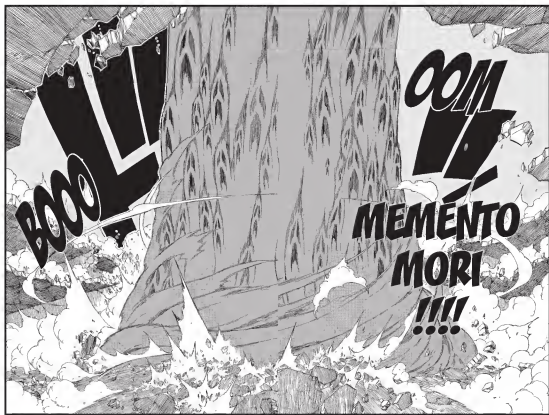


Page 135, Gungnir

Sticking with the Norse mythology theme (see Der Yggdrasil above), Gungnir is the name of Odin's spear. According to certain legends, it was made by dwarves and has the powers to always hit its mark and always return to Odin's hand. Reportedly, the Ring of the Nibelung saga has the wood of the spear being taken from Yggdrasil.

Page 142, Memento Mori

Memento mori, Latin for 'remember death,' is a phrase meant to inspire reflection upon the fact that you can't 'take it with you.' The concept has influenced art, literature and philosophy, especially in medieval Europe, but it also found reflections in other cultures, especially the Buddhist cultures of the Far East for which the transience of life is an important philosophical point.



Page 157,
Shiranui-gata

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 20, *Shiranui* means sea fire or bioluminescence, but *shiranui-gata* is a term for one of the displays that sumo wrestlers use when entering the ring.



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 49

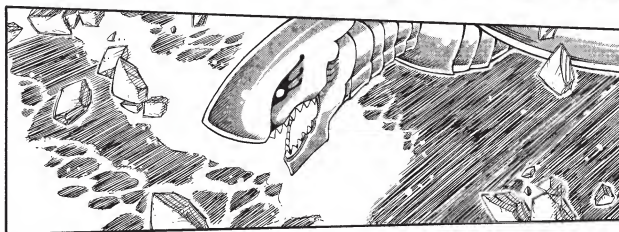
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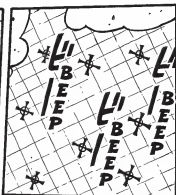
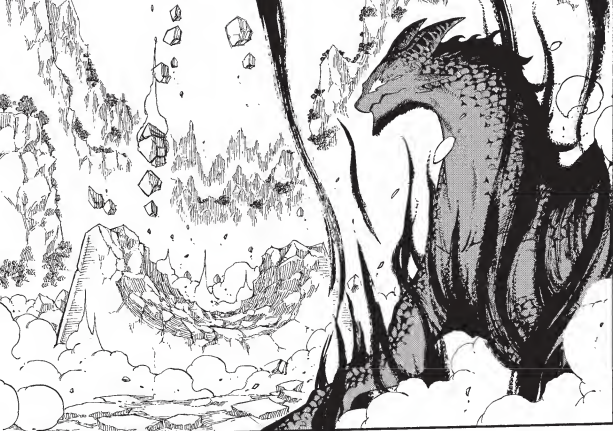
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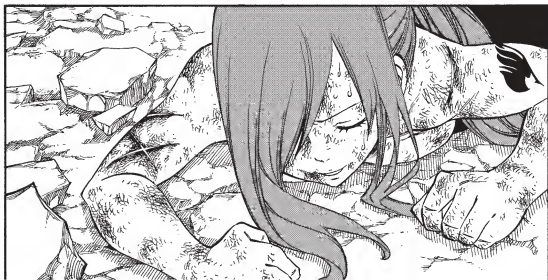
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Chapter 413: The Tome of END







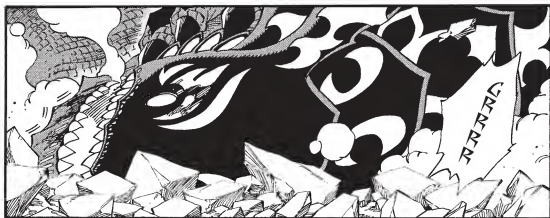




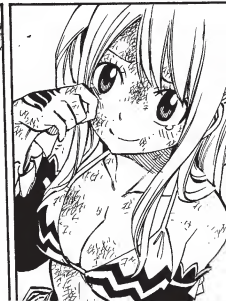
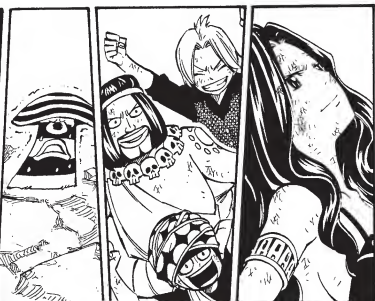
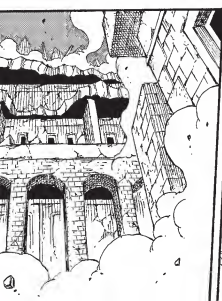
They blasted
all the Face
bombs on the
continent...

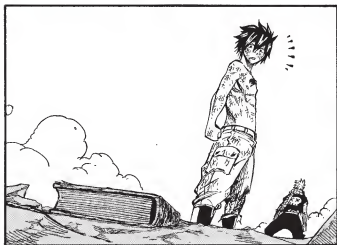


The
dragons...



We have
halted the
resurrection
of END!





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